

from this world too soon due to a tragic accident. Jeff is the late husband of Kim, who is the director of constituent services for my congressional office, and also my friend and neighbor. Jeff loved his family and was a proud father to Katherine Chelsey and Laura-Leigh. He will leave a lasting positive impact on the community and patients he served through his pharmacies.

I appreciate the work and dedication of first responders with the Warren County Sheriffs Office, Richardsville Volunteer Fire Department, and Warren County Emergency Management Office in recovering Jeff, who I miss dearly. I am thankful for these responders, who uphold their duty every day to ensure our community is a safe place to live and work.

HONORING CHESTER HENDERSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable hero, Mr. Chester Henderson.

Mr. Henderson was born on May 26, 1918 in Webb, Mississippi. After the passing of his father, he had to quit school in the fourth grade in order to help his mother support their family.

At an early age, Mr. Henderson worked for Mississippi Valley Gas Company and then at Mississippi Power and Light Company (currently known as Entergy) before being drafted into the United States Army, during World War II. Under General George Patton, he served in Northern Africa, Italy, and Germany as a truck driver during the famous Redhull Express Operations, consisting of predominately African American drivers that delivered over 6,000 gallons of fuel 24 hours a day, with routes in excess of 400 miles in each direction.

After a short courtship, he married the love of his life, Victoria Anderson, on New Year's Eve 1944. Together they built a home in Cleveland, Mississippi, on Church Street, and became the proud parents of six children. They spent 42 years of marriage together, until the passing of Mrs. Henderson in 1987.

After serving honorably, he was discharged in 1945. He was able to return to his job at Mississippi Power and Light Company, where he worked from 1946 until he retired in 1983. When not working, he loved gardening and growing vegetables, which he and his wife would can, freeze, and share with many—friends, neighbors, co-workers, and church family. He would also help his neighbors out in their gardens and by manicuring their yards.

St. Peter's Rock Missionary Baptist Church is where Mr. Henderson gave his life to Jesus Christ, and was baptized in August of 1946 in a sandpit in Boyle, Mississippi, by the late Rev. L. L. Laws. He has served as a deacon, an usher and a choir member. His love for St. Peter's Rock and the current pastor, Rev. Terrence Rash, has led many of his grandchildren to accept Jesus Christ at this church. Mr. Henderson's dedication has blessed him with the title of "Oldest Member" since 2017, and it has shown him as an upstanding pillar in his family and community.

Mr. Henderson was born when Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States of

America and Theodore G. Bilbo was Governor of the State of Mississippi. His life has spanned the administration of 19 United States Presidents, from Woodrow Wilson to Joe Biden; and 26 Mississippi Governors, from Theodore G. Bilbo to Tate Reeves. This family icon has witnessed many historic events during his lifetime, including the Great Depression, World War II, and man's walk on the moon. He is truly blessed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Chester Henderson for his dedication to serving his family, community and this nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF FRED ROGERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary life of Fred Rogers, the outgoing commander of American Legion Peter J. Courcy Post 178 in Frisco, Texas. Mr. Rogers has conducted his life with distinguished service to his community and nation, through his service in the U.S. Armed Forces and his subsequent volunteer efforts.

Mr. Rogers served honorably as an Air Policeman in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 to 1964. After retiring from his decades-long civilian career as a Vice President of Sales & Marketing, Mr. Rogers joined the American Legion in 2008. Mr. Rogers' leadership roles at multiple North Texas posts in The Colony, McKinney, and Frisco led to him receiving numerous post, district, division, department, and national awards.

Mr. Rogers is a founding post member and has served as the Commander of Post 178 for the past seven years. His tireless efforts to bolster the new post's community involvement and promote its membership led to Post 178 earning the Texas Post Excellence Award for four consecutive years from 2016 through 2019. The post also earned the National Post Excellence Award for three consecutive years from 2016 through 2018. Despite the post's recent founding, it is one of the most recognized and fastest growing in the state of Texas. The post also recently earned recognition for establishing a Membership All-Time High for seven consecutive years from 2015 through 2021.

Under his leadership as Post Commander, Post 178 has organized Memorial and Veterans Day events, sponsored dozens of high school juniors for American Legion Boys State, promoted the annual American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship contest, worked alongside the Wreaths Across America organization at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery and contributed to many other community events and celebrations. I join Post 178 and the Frisco community in thanking Mr. Rogers for his devoted service to our veterans and his fellow citizens. He is truly an outstanding model of selfless civic service.

GORDON BEESLEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Arvada Police Officer Gordon Beesley, who was killed in the line of duty on June 21, 2021.

On June 21, 2021, Officer Beesley was responding to a report of suspicious activity in Olde Town Arvada, Colo. when he was ambushed and shot by a man who had immense hatred toward police.

Officer Beesley joined the Arvada Police Department in 2002 and served in a number of roles for the Department. He spent most of the year working as a school resource officer at local schools in our community, including Oberon Middle School, Lincoln Academy and Excel Academy Charter School. During the summers, he often returned to patrol work.

Officer Beesley was a well-known and well-liked member of our community. His calm, gentle and patient demeanor made a big difference in his day-to-day interactions with students, especially those students who needed it most. In 2015, he was named Employee of the Year by the City of Arvada after the city learned Officer Beesley was riding his bike to school multiple times a week with a student who suffered from developmental delays and was not able to ride by himself. Countless other stories have surfaced from students, his colleagues and community members in the days following his death about the impact he had on their lives, big and small.

Officer Beesley is the first member of the Arvada Police Department to be killed by gunfire in the line of duty and the second police officer killed in the line of duty in Colorado in 2021.

I want to extend my deepest and heartfelt condolences to Officer Beesley's family, the Arvada Police Department and the entire Arvada community for this tragic incident and the loss of Officer Beesley. We will remember Officer Gordon Beesley for his kindness and bravery, and are forever indebted to him and his family for his service and sacrifice for our community.

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA, ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation.

Whereas July 21, 2021, marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Columbia Heights, Minnesota;

Whereas in the summer of 1847, individuals came to what was then known as Manomin to farm and build homes;

Whereas Columbia Heights quickly became a prosperous trading route, where Minnesotans grew and gathered harvests that fed countless families throughout the region;

Whereas Columbia Heights was formed as a village in 1898, became a city in 1921, and